

DISAPPOINTING WYCOMBE FAIL TO CRACK ST. ALBANS

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WYCOMBE WANDERERS 0

WYCOMBE Wanderers manager Barry Darvill admitted "St. Albans were better than us in every department," after his side's Isthmian League defeat at Clarence Park on Tuesday evening.

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that their victory was the most clear cut achieved by either side in their four meetings since September 21.

Then Wycombe were held to a goal-less draw in the F.A. Cup and at St. Albans the replay was lost 1-0 with a goal two minutes from time. Revenge was taken with a 1-0 league win but City had the last laugh on Tuesday.

"Two silly mistakes gave them their goals" Darvill said. Both were capitilised on by St. Albans centre forward John Butterfield who also hit a post.

Right back Lawrence started the Wycombe defence panicking in the 37th minute when he smacked the crossbar from a Childs corner and with the defence watching the ball bounced away Butterfield pounced to slam the ball home

Then with two minutes to go before half time goalkeeper Billy Fowler punted the ball deep into the Wycombe half to clear a forward raid. Ian Rundle misjudged the ball and it went past him. By this time Butterfield had already started to chase. Right half Vince Faulkner tried to clear but it was too late. Butterfield had control, he clipped the ball past the diving body of Maskell and rounded him before placing the ball into the unguarded net.

Honours undoubtedly went to St. Albans in the first half. They moved the ball around quickly and accurately and their front runners caused the Wycombe defence considerable panic. Luckily Maskell was

in good form and kept well after the offside trap had failed.

This was beaten several times with the lobbed ball.

In the second half the game was transformed. A heavy mist threatened to have the match called off and both sides seemed resigned to that fact.

Manager Darvill summed up: "We have had a good run. Now we have these niggling injuries and we are struggling as a result."

All 22 players wore black armbands in respect of the late Mr. Sid Donaldson who was the treasurer of the F.A. and the president of the Isthmian League. A minute's silence was observed before the start.

St. Albans City: Fowler, Lawrence, Burgess, Gibbs, Wood, Neville, White, Ratty, Butterfield, Childs, Broomfield, Sub: Harman.

Wycombe: Maskell, Temel, Gale, Faulkner, Rundle, Lailey, Worley, Baker, Busby, Dthomas, Merrick. Sub: Lane.